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THIS WEEK'S MEETING

With talk of point spreads and game day weather conditions in the background, president Jim Tenner called today's meeting to order at 12:38pm sharp.

Our Pledge of Allegiance was led by visitor Neal Shapiro who is the President of the Van Nuys Sunrise club. PP Ken Worthen offered the Invocation for the day and there was none who dared offer to lead the club with their singing efforts.

Today's first announcement was a reminder that we will be dark at the 94th Aero Squadron next week and will be meeting across the runway at the AirTel Plaza as we join with others at the Joint Service Luncheon. This year's speaker will be the Reverend Barbara Laughray, a former Rose Parade float Queen and it is suggested that we arrive by 11:30am to insure good parking and seating.

The Ladies Holiday gathering will be held on December 5th at the home of Andrea and Don Reinken. There will be the traditional gift trading for the women while the men go elsewhere for dinner.

We will all meet up back at the Reinkens for desert. Our Club Service Social Director Barbara Baerg is the contact if you have any further questions.

President Jim announced that the club would be doing a Holiday Outreach program with Cohasset Elementary School and The Salvation Army this year. We will be preparing and delivering food baskets and need the help of everyone in

the club. He then recognized Mike Quiroga who assigned various new members to be on the committee for this project. If you would like to assist or have further questions, please contact Ken Benson or Mike Quiroga for all of the details.

President Jim mentioned that this is the last day to get involved with the club's pool on the UCLA/USC



We are all delighted to welcome club member Frank Micale back after his recent illness.

game and there are still a few squares available for purchase. Leo O'Biecnas will be inviting a UCLA and USC supporter to fill in the numbers at the end of today's meeting.

PP Archie Kidwell was then introduced to help us honor our birthday celebrants from the months of October and November. As usual, Archie brought the facts and President Jim brought the Rotary coffee cups.

First on the list was Major George Beauchamp who was born on October 30th. Following him was Program Chair Diane Eaton who was born on November 2nd.

President -Eelect Carlos Rivera was born on November 5th a long time ago and very far away.

Irv Ryder was born on November 26th and will be celebrating his 90th birthday.



TODAY'S MEETING (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Our newest member, Gonzalo Tejada, was our last birthday celebrant of the year being born on December 26th.

Today's raffle winner was birthday boy Irv Ryder.

There will be a basic Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar (PRLS) at California Lutheran University on December 6th. This seminar is being offered by District 5240 To register, go to www.prls.org.

District 5260 will be hosting a Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 14th at the La Canada Country Club located at 5500



Pictured left to right: Gonzalo Tejada, Diane Eaton, George Beauchamp, Irv Ryder, Archie Kidwell, Carlos Rivera and President Jim Tenner.

Godbey Drive in La Canada. Always a festive event, the District's

Holiday Brunch is celebrated in a new lo-

cation this year.

YOUTH SERVICE/STUDENT RECOGNITIONS



Youth Service Director Don Reinken made the introductions to the club today of our honorees from Tierra Del Sol and their counselors. It was particu-

larly rewarding to see all of the family and friends on hand as we recognized these outstanding citizens for their accomplishments.

Mike Acuna and Mike Moritz are this weeks recipients and they each received a Certificate of Commendation and a \$50 United States savings bond.

Rotary service to youth dates back as early as 1917, when a committee was appointed to study youth service. Two years later, a department dedicated to "Boys' Work" was established and in 1920, the Rotary Club of New York organized Boys' Week, an annual celebration that encouraged patriotism and loyal citizenship in its young participants. The movement caught on as Rotary clubs sponsored Boys' Weeks across the United States and abroad.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Our Speaker of the Day G. Scott Westmoreland autographs a book destined for the library of Cohasset Elementary School as President Jim Tenner and Secretary Cherie Spamer look on.

Today's Speaker thought he had come to the meeting as a show of support for Mike Moritz who was one of our honorees. As Mr. Westmoreland told us, he had met Mike when he was still in high school and urged him to finish his education. Later on Mr. Westmoreland and his wife unofficially adopted Mike by hiring him to take care of them and their house as well as acting as a chauffeur for the couple.

Little did Mr. Westmoreland know that he was to

fill in for our scheduled Speaker who had to cancel at the last minute.

While having lunch PP Flip Smith engaged Mr. Westmoreland in conversation and found out a little about him. When the previous Speaker canceled, Flip asked Mr. Westmoreland to fill in because of his unique hobby.

Mr. Westmoreland told us that he tests cars for Road and Track magazine in a very personal fashion. The magazine provides him with brand new luxury cars on a regular basis and he drives them in lieu of his own car.

Driving to Palm Springs to play golf he may be in a Jaguar while a weekend to San Francisco and back may find him at the wheel of a top of the line BMW. Nice work if you can get it!

He said that the most important thing to him in a car is the all around vision that it provides giving the driver the ability to see side to side and out the back freely. He feels that the oversized headrests in many luxury cars are their worst feature.

Next in line of importance is comfort. If you are going to sit in the car for any length of time the seats have to be comfortable. Too many drivers spend more time squirming about in discomfort than they do paying attention to their driving.

Thanks to Flip and Mr. Westmoreland for an extremely entertaining program.

ROTARY GOES TO WASHINGTON

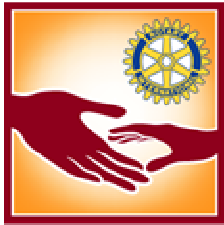
The charter of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill during a ceremony at the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., on 19 November had a special feel to it. The event brings Rotary's presence in the U.S. capital literally within a walking distance for lawmakers, staff, and the thousands of residents and visitors who come to the city on business and tours each day.

Senator Richard G. Lugar, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a 46-year member of the Rotary Club of Indianapolis, Indiana, was keynote speaker at the ceremony. Lugar is emblematic of the role the Capitol Hill club will serve as host for the many members of

Congress and their staff members who are Rotarians, as well as visiting Rotarians looking for fellowship and makeup opportunities.

"The charter members of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill have been working very hard over the last few months to make this evening a reality," says Joan Athen, the club's charter president. "We are now ready to make our mark on Capitol Hill and the world community through our charitable and humanitarian service."

The Rotary Club of Capitol Hill meets each Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. at La Brasserie Restaurant (239 Massachusetts Ave NE).



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There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, belonging to more than 31,000 clubs in 165 countries around the world.

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

IMPORTANT DATES

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 26	Irv Ryder Tina Turner
Dec 2	Andrea Reinken Maria Callas
Dec 26	Gonzalo Tejada Steve Allen

Nov 21	Gary and Sherri Cunial's anniversary
Nov 22	USC-UCLA at the Coliseum
Nov 26	Joint Service Luncheon, Plaza
AirTel	

Nov 27	Thanksgiving Day, United States	Dec 18	Joe and Elizabeth Chu anniversary
Dec 5	Ladies Holiday Gathering at the home of Andrea and Don Reinken	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 6	PRLS training at CLU, Thousand Oaks	May 22-26	2004 Rotary International Convention, Osaka, Japan
Dec 6	Percy Spencer invents the micro wave oven, 1945		
Dec 14	District Christmas Brunch, La Canada Country Club		
Dec 17	Holiday Outreach Community Ser		

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